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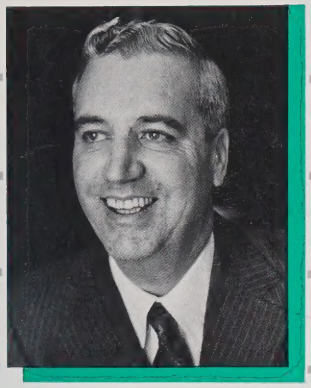


Arthur G. Slade, *President*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A Holiday Salute

As we come to the holiday season, we cannot help being reminded of all the wonderful blessings of our lives and the great kindness that so many of us feel for all living creatures. I think that it is this knowledge that gives all of those who work daily to prevent cruelty and abuse of animals a positive feeling toward what might otherwise be a disheartening field of endeavor. It is knowing that the vast majority of you do care and are concerned about what happens to people and animals that motivates our continued efforts to combat cruelty and indifference. We are seeing more violence toward animals in particular and an overall increase in such behavior in our society in general. As we have observed before, violence and abuse of animals are often the forerunner of cruelty and neglect of children and violence towards adults.

However, it is in the large, silent majority of our society that we will find the abiding humane values that must, more than ever before, be motivated and recharged to provide a true and lasting counterpoint to a growing tide of neglect and abuse. Realizing the sheer numbers involved, we will be able to rally the true spirit of kindness needed to defeat such cruelty.

This is never more apparent to me than when I see the thousands of donations that we receive from our many members and friends at this season of the year. All of you who do this are taking an active role as part of the humane majority who support our many efforts to improve the lives of all animals.

We always try to say thank you for this help, but somehow I think it is especially important to say a special "Thank You" from time to time to be sure you know how much we appreciate your actions and support. It is what makes all of our work possible.

As I put these thoughts together, I have the newest member of my family in this office playing with pencils on my desk. It is Shelley, a five-month-old kitten who came in today to have her sutures removed from a recent spaying operation. She is full of life, energy and ambition and in many ways symbolizes the new effort and new life we need to carry forth our work for all animals.

Shelley joins me in thanking you again and saying Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year!

Second Chances

"Reeboks," a 12-week-old puppy brought to the League as a stray, had to have her tail amputated after someone wrapped an elastic around it so tightly that circulation was cut off.

"Arya," a four-year-old purebred German shepherd, was found with a collar that she had outgrown so deeply embedded in her neck that severe infection had set in.

"Jennie," beaten and abused, was saved from death by a police officer who caught her owner in the act of throwing the ten-month-old mixed-breed puppy, an expectant mother, over a steep embankment, locked inside a large trash can.

An old gray mare named "Star" was starved by her owner, so severely undernourished that she was 300 pounds under normal weight.

Sad as their early stories are, these animals were among the lucky ones, the scores of abuse victims that the League has been able to rehabilitate and eventually place in new, loving homes.

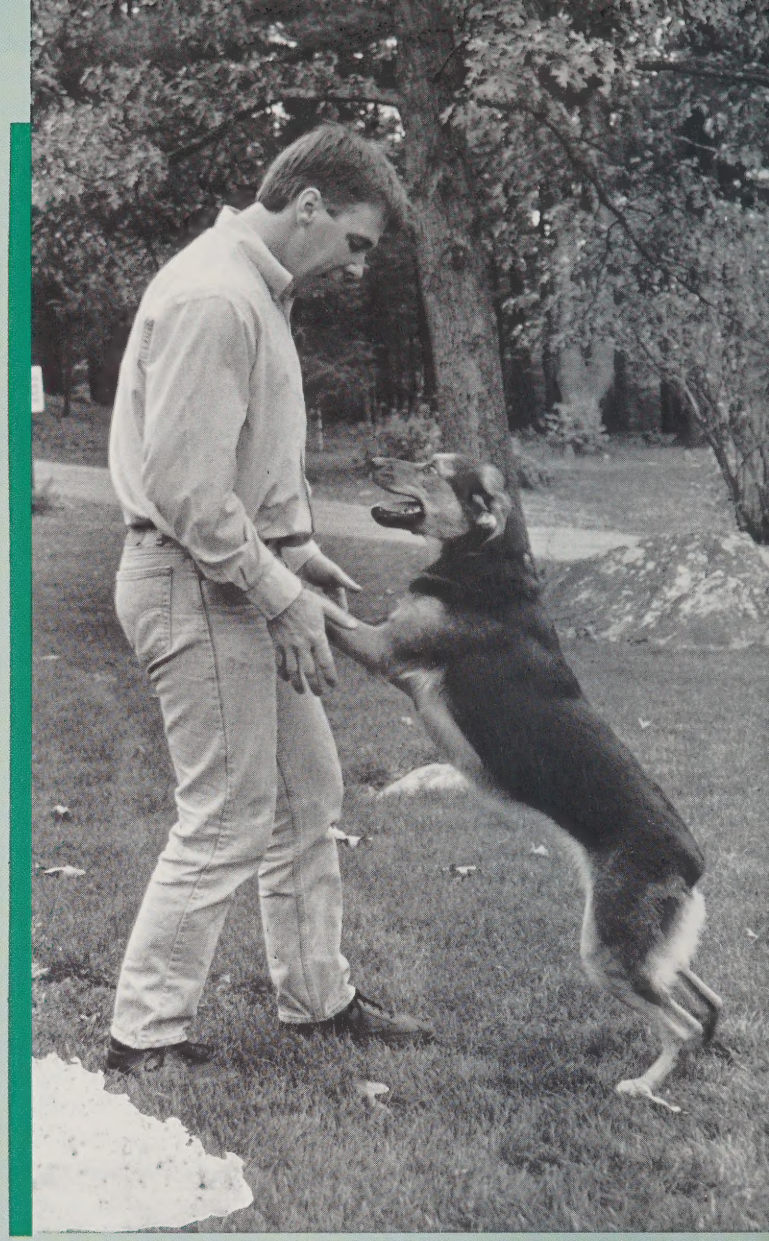
Most often they are animals whose mistreatment, whether physical or both emotional and physical, has led to criminal prosecution of the perpetrator on animal cruelty charges. Because law enforcement cases can take as long as six months to a year to conclude, the animal victims are in the League's custody long enough to accurately evaluate their potential for rehabilitation and adoption. "When you know an animal's history, and how it has suffered, there's an even greater motivation to do whatever can be done to offer it a chance at a normal life," observes Michelle Testa, an adoption agent at the League's Dedham shelter. This is also true of animals that are held for medical treatment of physical abuse of unknown origin, even though they are not necessarily involved in court cases.

In need of a great deal of time and attention, these animals usually do best with people who are very knowledgeable about animals, according to Alan W. Cunningham, manager of the barn facility at Pine Ridge Center in Dedham, and an animal behavioral specialist experienced in rehabilitating both dogs and horses. It comes as no surprise, therefore, that many of these abuse victims are adopted by League staff members who have come to know them well during their treatment and rehabilitation.

When Reeboks became eligible for adoption in February, 1993, Edward Powers did not hesitate. The League's director of education, he had previously adopted "Sneakers," another abuse victim, in 1991, and was ready for a second dog.

"Before surgery when she was in pain, Reeboks was lethargic and withdrawn, but after treatment she immediately became very friendly and outgoing. I was fortunate to be able to bring her to work with me during the first few weeks of recovery, when she needed a lot of attention and observation," Powers recalls. Even though both Sneakers and Reeboks experienced major problems during what is known to be a critical socialization period for puppies, neither seemed to suffer any permanent harm. "We were very fortunate," their owner says.

"Arya" was held at the League from June until September, 1994, during the course of a cruelty investigation. Though the infection in her neck healed quickly, her psychic scars were more difficult to assess. "If there is any question of how an abused animal will be able to adjust to a new home, an outside professional is sometimes called in to help evaluate the animal objectively," explains Michelle Testa, who worked closely with Arya during her three-month stay at the League.



"Reeboks" lost her tail, but gained a new life with education director Ed Powers.

The behavioral specialist who examined Arya concluded that she was "very bright and highly trainable," and recommended that the dog be placed with an owner who could provide the time, attention and supervision that the dog needed, and would "work with her, and give her jobs to do." Obedience training was also strongly recommended. After two months in her new home, owner Ray Cole reports that Arya is loving and affectionate, and is "no longer running the household."

When media attention is focused on these abused animals, as is often the case, the League receives calls from scores of kindhearted, well-intentioned people who want to adopt them, and feel that all the animals need is love. Love alone, however, is often not enough. "Animals that have been mistreated and have learned, with good reason, to fear, distrust or try to dominate humans, in addition to love need obedience and house training, structure, control, discipline and a stable routine," Michelle Testa advises would-be adopters.

"Bones heal, but invisible wounds may never be totally gone," Alan Cunningham cautions. "It's not as if the trauma ends the minute you remove an animal from an abusive home. The scars are still there, and what we have to determine is whether the damage is temporary or permanent and whether a new owner will be able to accept the animal's limitations."

Animals that need only medical treatment may be ready for adoption in a month or two, but for those with behavioral or psychological problems, rehabilitation can take as long as six months to two years. "Some problems may never be totally eliminated," says Cunningham, who adopted Jennie in 1991, after she had undergone temporary live-in treatment by a behavioral therapist. "Jennie was petrified in the beginning, just frozen with fear. It took two years for her to become comfortable, and Jennie will always be somewhat more nervous than other dogs," he says.

As frightened and mistreated as Jennie was, she never tried to bite anyone. Aggressive dogs that bite, or present a danger to others or to themselves, can never be placed in a home, even though they too may be victims of abuse. Even though they haven't been physically injured, aggressive animals may have been totally ignored, or suffer from emotional abuse or lack of socialization, but there is no way to know their history or the exact cause of their aggressive behavior. The law protects animals from physical abuse, but does not require that their emotional needs be met.

The League is deeply grateful to the many loving individuals who, over the years, have opened their hearts and homes to animals in need of special care. Those who adopt such animals are given follow-up consultation, recommendations for continued therapy, and financial coverage of any medical treatment that is already in progress. Before making such a commitment, there are several issues to be considered, Alan Cunningham points out. "Special adoptions require patience, logic and an understanding of the needs of the species, breed or type of animal being adopted." In addition, those considering such adoptions should ask themselves the following questions:

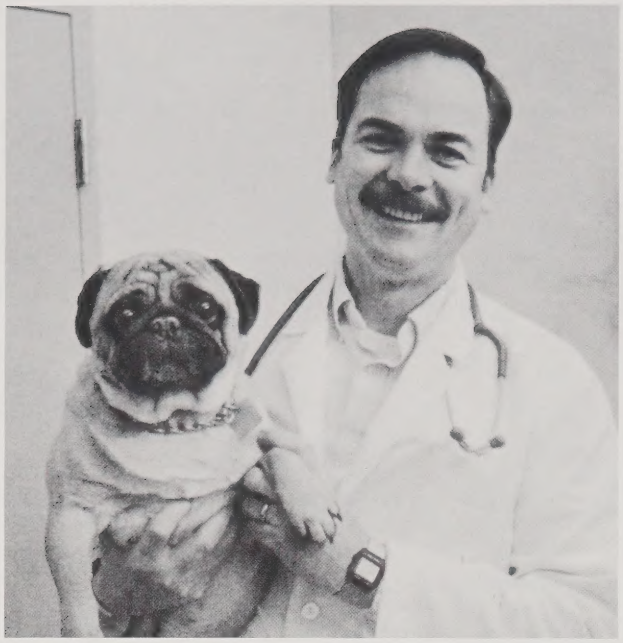
- Do you have the time (and the finances) available that may be required to work with the animal?
- Are you willing to continue learning, and putting in the energy that may be required to train the animal?
- Are you willing to hear and heed the advice of professionals who have worked with the animal, such as veterinarians, League staff members, and trainers?
- Finally, do you have realistic expectations of the animal's ability? Are you able to accept limitations, whether physical or psychological?

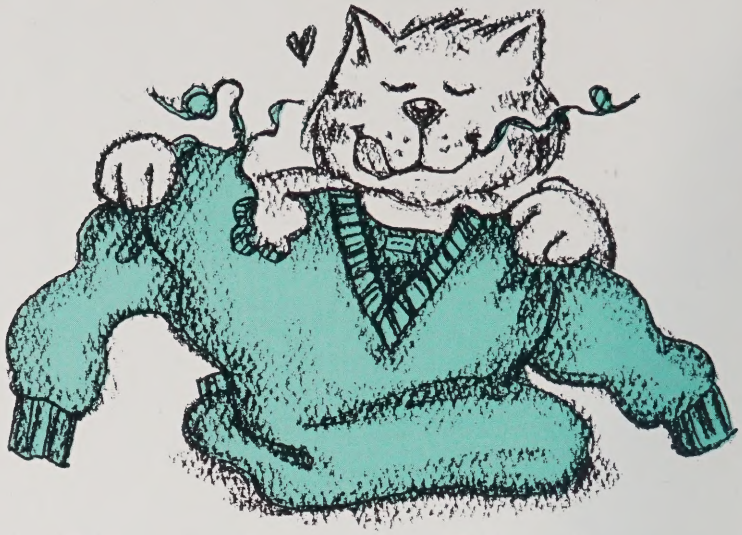
In the case of an old animal, or one with medical problems, an understanding and acceptance of the fact that the animal's life span may be limited is another requirement. "It's the quality of time, not the quantity, that's important — being able to give these animals the best life they can for whatever time they have left," Cunningham stresses. Star, the 17-year-old mare starved by her previous owner, died just one year after her adoption, "but the horse had one great year — she went knowing that somebody cared about her!"

"Jennie" was more comfortable at first with other dogs, like "Corey," rather than people.

Barn manager Alan Cunningham is experienced in rehabilitating horses as well as dogs.

"Arya" is ready to go home with new owner, Ray Cole.





A Veterinary Update:

A Taste for Textiles

By Edward A. Leonard, D.V.M.

A common complaint from cat owners is the finicky pet that turns up its nose at all but the most expensive brands of cat food. But what about the cat that prefers fine wool to Friskies, or passes up tuna to dine on a towel?

Fabric eating by cats was first documented in the 1950s. Initially thought to be a peculiarity of Siamese cats, the strange habit has since been reported in many other breeds, including cats of mixed lineage.

Two British researchers, Peter F. Neville of the University of Bristol Veterinary School, and John W.S. Bradshaw of the University of Southampton, recently conducted a survey of 152 cat owners whose pets ate or chewed fabric or other odd materials. Those surveyed reported a wide variety of substances being eaten, with most cats (93%) preferring wool. Other fabrics of choice included were cotton (64%) and synthetics (54%). Other cats were non-fabric eaters, with a taste for paper, cardboard, plastic or rubber. One owner reported that his cat would eat only wet socks! Neither the sex of the animal nor whether or not the animal had been neutered related in any way to the choice of material, the researchers reported.

Two-thirds of those surveyed said that they had first noticed the fabric eating when the cat was between two and eight months of age. Stress anxiety over separation from the mother cat and adjusting to a new home, being removed from the mother at too early an age, overattachment to one person, separation anxiety, and inability to mature properly are all factors that have been suggested as possible causes for this behavior, but the truth is that the exact cause is unknown.

Owners of some cats that developed this habit later in life first noted the behavior when the cat became overly attached to the owner and experienced separation anxiety. In such cases, a consultation with a behavioral specialist may help. Behavioral modification techniques, denying the cat access to the fabric of choice, and using taste deterrents such as menthol and oil of eucalyptus are all approaches that have worked for some owners. Keeping the cat's stomach constantly active and partially full by providing a continuous supply of dry food, or adding fiber, such as bran, to the diet may also help reduce the craving for fabric.

If all of these tactics prove unsuccessful, owners of cats with strange tastes can take comfort in the fact that this habit does not seem to cause any health problems for most cats. In a small minority of animals, however, fabric eating can cause digestive blockage, so make it a point to discuss a cat's odd eating habits with your veterinarian, and seek veterinary attention promptly if any digestive problems occur.

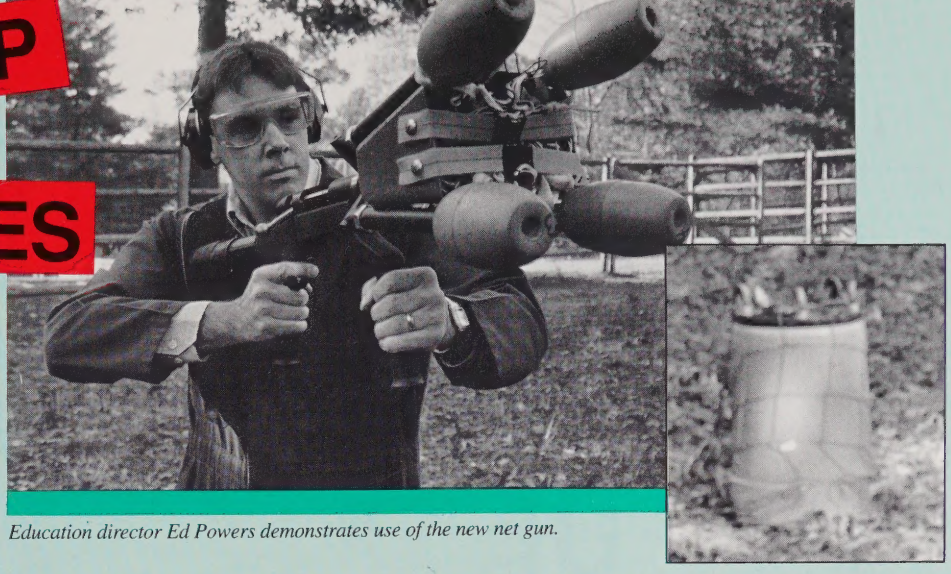
Catnipping to Excess?

Catnip is a popular holiday pet gift, and cat owners often wonder whether their pet can be harmed by overindulging in a catnip "binge." While the direct ingestion of large amounts of catnip oil could be harmful, the brief sniffing or licking or chewing of catnip plants, or items sprayed with catnip extract (which is all that is required to initiate the catnip response), is not harmful. In cats that react to catnip, the euphoric response should last no longer than five to fifteen minutes. Many cats, an estimated one-third to one-half, in fact, have no reaction whatsoever to catnip.

Poison Alert!

Antifreeze is a deadly poison and pet owners are reminded, and urged, to store and dispose of antifreeze with great care. The sweet aroma and taste of antifreeze is very appealing to both dogs and cats, but ingesting even a small amount of this liquid can lead to kidney damage and death. Recently, a new type of antifreeze has been developed that is made with a non-toxic chemical recognized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as "generally safe" for pets and children. Information on this product is available from: Safe Brands Corp., P.O. Box 3007, Omaha, NE, 68103 (Tel. 1-800-289-7234).

GEARING UP FOR RESCUES



Education director Ed Powers demonstrates use of the new net gun.

It wasn't that long ago that animal rescue agents went to the aid of animals in trouble equipped with only a pole and net, courage and compassion. Today's emergency rescue teams, in contrast, have a wide array of equipment and devices available to expand and support their rescue capabilities.

Each year at this time, the League begins to receive many calls regarding waterfowl that appear to be in distress on local waterways. The League is equipped with three rescue boats (two outboard motor, and one Zodiac inflatable boat) which staff members use, before the rivers and ponds freeze up, to round up these birds, many of which are non-migratory domestic birds, including white ducks that once were pets.

As winter progresses, so also does the number of emergency rescue calls involving animals that are stranded on ice floes, or have fallen through the ice. To minimize risk in these aquatic rescues, the League two years ago equipped rescue agents with five cold-water emergency rescue suits, and also purchased harnesses and special rope (known as dry rope) that will not soak through, freeze or break in water rescues. In addition, two League officers attended an ice rescue training program in New York state, afterwards establishing training and rescue standards and conducting training programs for other League staff members.

In land rescues, if all other approaches have failed, the tranquilizer gun may be the only effective means of subduing a large animal that is in danger itself, or is posing a threat to others. This was the case for "April," a cow that was roaming the back roads of Hanover for six weeks this fall, after jumping a fence to escape from her home farm. At the request of her owners, a rescue crew from the League pursued the wayward cow for three hours, finally subduing her with a mild tranquilizer and returning her, none the worse for her adventure, to her appreciative owners.

To deliver tranquilizers more accurately and effectively, the League last year purchased a .22 calibre charged tranquilizer rifle, with a high-powered scope, which allows for accuracy up to 100 yards. It also enables the user to control the velocity, or speed, of the tranquilizer dart to minimize impact injury, while still allowing the most precise delivery of the drug. Drug dosage varies depending on the species and size of the animal, so it is important to assess the weight of an animal accurately before using a tranquilizing agent.

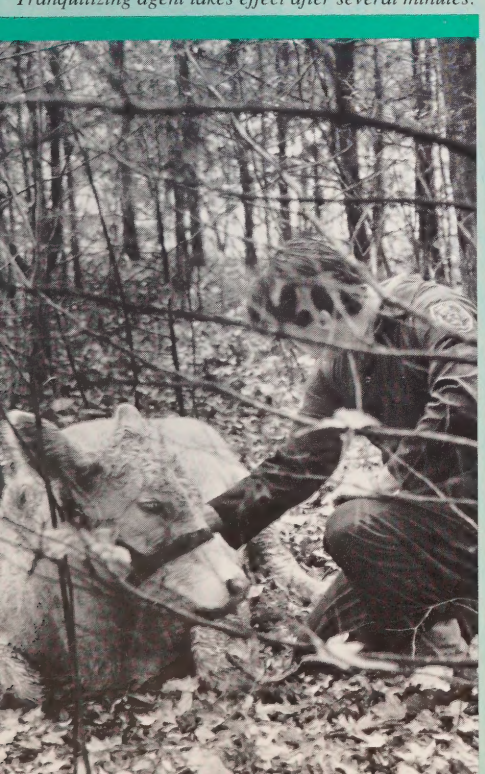
The latest addition to the League's repertoire of rescue equipment is a Coda net gun, which launches, from a safe distance, a net large enough to capture animals ranging in size from a duck to a deer. "The net gun will allow us to minimize risks to staff, especially in water rescues, and also reduce the use of the tranquilizer gun which has always been employed as a last resort," explains Robert G. Walsh, director of operations.

Rescue party uses a foil wrap to raise April's temperature.

"Our continuing goal is to find and furnish the kind of rescue equipment that will best provide for both the safety of the staff, and the well-being of the animals," Walsh states.

The Trudelle family of Hanover, April the cow's owners, applaud these efforts: "Your attention to the safety of April, as well as of all of your staff members present, and ourselves as well, is to be commended," they wrote. "Thank you to all of the members of the rescue party from all of us . . . we have gained a greater understanding of the scope and caring your work involves."

Tranquilizing agent takes effect after several minutes.



THE WINGS OF WINTER

A guide to backyard bird feeding

Is there a way to beat the winter blahs, short of a sojourn in the Bahamas? Instead of hunkering down in front of your television for the next four months, why not add some color, life and melody to your world this winter by putting out the welcome mat for visitors? Join the ranks of New Englanders who have taken up the fascinating hobby of bird feeding, and bird watching, a sure source of wonder and pleasure right in your own backyard!

About 35 species of birds regularly visit New England bird feeders in the winter, according to the Massachusetts Audubon Society which has provided the general information and specific bird feeding tips contained in this article. The number of species you can expect to see at your feeder will be limited not only by the type of food you put out, but also by where you live.

In downtown districts, the only feathered visitors may be house sparrows, pigeons, starlings, and, once in a while, a blue jay. In small town residential areas, especially if there is open green space nearby, far more types of birds may be seen, possibly even a cardinal or a tufted titmouse, relative newcomers to Massachusetts.

The best time to begin a feeding program is November, but December is not too late to get started. It is most important to understand that bird feeding is a serious commitment — once you begin, you must plan to supply food daily without interruption until winter is over, since the birds in your area will come to rely upon you as their regular food source.

Birds that visit feeders can be divided into three major groups with differing feeding preferences:

- **Ground feeding seed eaters:** Birds in this group, which includes song, tree and white-throated sparrows, northern cardinal, and mourning doves, prefer grain and small seeds that have dropped on the ground from hanging feeders, or have been hand-thrown. They will sometimes visit window feeders.
- **Off-the-ground seed eaters:** These birds prefer to feed from hanging or standing feeders that are four or five feet or more above the ground, and they have a preference for sunflower seeds. This group includes black-capped chickadee, white-breasted nuthatch, tufted titmouse, and northern finches, including the evening grosbeak.
- **Insect eaters:** Many of these will also eat sunflower seeds, peanut butter, and suet. This group, which includes chickadees and woodpeckers, also prefers to feed well above the ground.

In addition, there are many other birds whose food preferences vary too greatly to put into one category. These include wintering orioles, mockingbirds, and exotic seasonal visitors.

The Feeding Station

Birds like to feed early in the morning and late in the afternoon, preferably at a location that is in the sun, and sheltered from the wind. Feeding stations located near trees,

shrubs, a brush pile or other handy cover will attract the most visitors.

The best feeder to start with is a tray or platform feeder, either hung or set on a pole, with a roof to protect the seeds, and a raised edge to keep seeds from blowing away. A feeder equipped with a seed hopper is an option that will make it easier to maintain a steady supply of food.

In addition, you may wish to try a Lucite tube feeder which is ideal for dispensing sunflower seeds and thistle seeds. To bring birds as close to home as possible, many people prefer a windowsill feeding tray. This can be a simple tray, but it should be sheltered by a glass pane roof.

Going to Seed

Start with a bag of commercial mixed bird feed (should contain white millet, other small seeds, cracked corn, and sunflower seeds), and watch to see which seeds disappear first. Some birds will seek out a single type of seed, so the more variety of seed you offer, the more types of birds you will attract to your feeder. Hulled sunflower seeds, though expensive, are preferred by many species, so you may want to add these treats to your mix.

For a complete feeding program, you should also provide beef suet hung in wire holders or open mesh onion or macramé bags. Bacon fat and peanut butter are also good additions to the feeding program, and can be stuffed into holes drilled in a stick suspended from a tree limb (birds will not choke on peanut butter).

Finally, a supply of open water in a bird bath near the feeding station is a major added attraction. While birds will get enough drinking water from snow, they like a spot to bathe in, even in cold weather. Check the water frequently, and keep the supply clean and unfrozen. Avoid bird baths with lead linings, and do not use glycerine to prevent freezing, as both substances are harmful to birds.

Shrubs or trees bordering your lawn or garden will also help attract birds, since most species prefer easy access to shelter. For more information on bird feeding, visit your local library, or contact the Massachusetts Audubon Society in Lincoln, MA (Tel. 617-259-9500).

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Habitat, Belmont
Ipswich River, Topsfield
Laughing Brook, Hampden
Marblehead Neck, Marblehead
Moose Hill, Sharon
South Shore Regional Center, Marshfield
Stony Brook, Norfolk
Trailside Museum, Milton
Wachusett Meadow, Princeton
Wellfleet Bay, South Wellfleet

FALL FAIR '94

The annual fall fair, a League tradition since 1902, drew an enthusiastic crowd of shoppers and well wishers, Thursday, October 20. Thanks to the leadership and inspiration of cochairmen Jane Marshall of Boston, and Helen and Earl Wentzel of Weymouth, and their hard-working committee members, the event raised $5,550 to help homeless animals.

Here are some scenes from the festive event, including fair-goers bidding on treasures at the noon auction, and browsing for bargains, home-baked items, handcrafts and holiday gifts.

The Bronson's late pet Grady, with Ashley and Rebecca, then 4 and 2½.

DOG GONE

A Moving Tribute to a Special Friend

An Old English Sheepdog named "Grady," whose eventful life took him from a Los Angeles dog pound to a special place in the home and hearts of a Cape Cod family, is the inspiration behind Howard Bronson's recently published book titled *Dog Gone*.

A moving tribute to Grady, who died in the summer of 1990 and is buried at the League's Pine Ridge Cemetery in Dedham, the book is also intended as a source of comfort for those who have lost pets, and a celebration of the special bonds that make the loss of a pet such a deep and genuine sorrow.

Howard and Lisa Bronson adopted Grady when they were living in California and brought him back to New England in 1984 when they moved to Sandwich. Until his death four years ago, he was a source of joy to his owners, amusement and amazement to their friends and neighbors, and the earliest and closest companion of the Bronson children, Ashley, 9½, and Rachel, 8, both of whom have been campers at the League's Animal Friends Summer School for the past three seasons.

A marketing consultant and author, Howard Bronson has written earlier books on coping with the loss of a loved one, but this is his first book on dealing with the loss of a pet. Illustrations for the book were created by children from the Oak Ridge School in Sandwich who were invited to submit drawings of their favorite pets.

In the book's introduction, Bronson invites readers to "turn off the TV for an hour . . . and come celebrate that amazing phenomenon we call pet." The book opens with the following tribute:

"Grady" by Ashley Bronson Age 8

ONE LAST HUG

I could have used one last fuzzy smelly hug

to stare into those soulful eyes
to know we are forever connected.

Our time with you meant everything to you
and your love meant everything to us and
now that your brief visit to our home is over and done,
I am not relieved that your suffering is over.

You were my walking companion,
you loved me when no one else could.
You always understood and now that you're gone . . .
the one private safe harbor of uncompromising love in my life . . .
isn't there. And I am injured by the discomfort.

Why don't we ever get those last hugs like in the movies?
Why don't we get to say . . . goodbye?

Dog Gone may be obtained at bookstores, or directly from the publisher: Bestsell Publications, 6 Samba Circle, Sandwich, MA 02563 (1-800-247-6553). $11.95 (plus $2.00 shipping; discounts available for quantity orders).

"Casey" by Allison Thompson Age 7

NEWSFRONT
ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR HORSES: A LEAGUE TRADITION

The League's own Santa will be visiting city and state police horses at Faneuil Hall, Thursday, December 15, as the ARL once again celebrates its Christmas Dinner for Horses, a holiday tradition since 1913. Santa, with the aid of the League's law enforcement officers, will be delivering carrots, apples, blankets, and Blue Seal horse feed to the police horses, as well as to other working horses in stables throughout the area.

A GIFT OF APPRECIATION TO TUFTS WILDLIFE CLINIC

In appreciation and recognition of the free care and rehabilitation treatment they have provided over the years for injured wildlife brought to the clinic by League rescue agents, the ARL recently donated an intravenous pump and two portable intensive care cages to Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine's Wildlife Clinic in Grafton. The cages are specially equipped to regulate temperature and humidity, much like an incubator.

LEAGUE HOLDS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENING

League staff members, family and friends gathered for an employee appreciation dinner and awards program, held Saturday, December 3.

AHA REPORTS RESCUE EFFORTS IN HOUSTON FLOODS

Staff and volunteers from the American Humane Association (AHA) worked side by side with Houston SPCA rescue workers to save dogs, cats and other animals from the October floods in Houston and surrounding parts of Texas, narrowly escaping injury in the major gas line explosion which added to the toll of this major flood.

In a flat-bottomed fishing boat about 30 miles northeast of downtown Houston, the rescuers were picking up animals left behind in flooded residential areas. Two cats rescued from trees were safely in the boat, and they had just spotted a dog on a rooftop and a horse stranded on a sandbar, according to Nicholas Gilman, coordinator of AHA's Emergency Animal Rescue program. As the crew was discussing a plan to get the horse, and beginning to turn the boat around to get the dog, a huge explosion filled the sky and the waters burst into flame as a four-foot-wide gas main burst.

The crew quickly brought the boat to shore, transferred the animals from the boat to a pick-up truck and took off at 70 miles an hour to escape the spreading flames, according to Gilman. The horse and the dog could not have survived the explosion, he said.

"SPAY DAY" SET FOR FEBRUARY

February 28, 1995, will be observed as "Spay Day USA," a nationwide effort to call attention to the importance of spaying and neutering companion animals, sponsored by the Doris Day Animal League. Late February was chosen for this event because it is just before the spring "kitten season," and is frequently a slow month for many veterinarians. The organization's goal is to promote direct action to reduce pet overpopulation by encouraging thousands of surgical alterations at veterinary clinics across the country on this date.

SURVEY SHOWS PETS RULE THE ROOST

It will come as no surprise to pet owners that a recent survey by the American Animal Hospital Association found that owners are lavishing more attention than ever on their canine and feline companions.

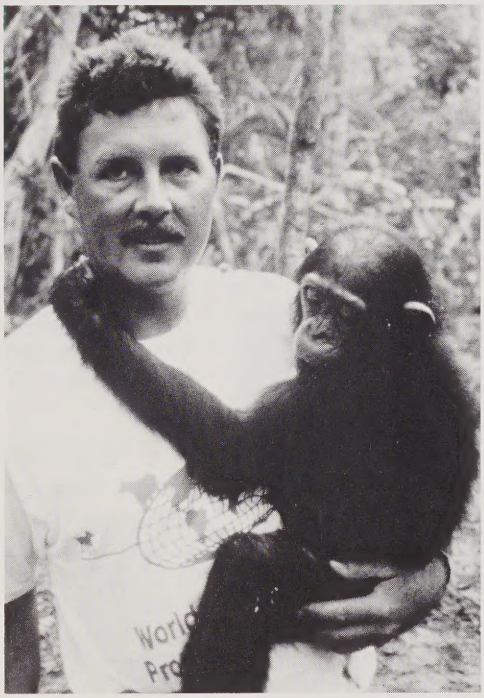
The survey of 1,049 pet owners nationwide, conducted by the 12,000-member AAHA, showed that while cat ownership continues to exceed dog ownership (an estimated 53 million cats vs. 52 million dogs), dog owners report spending more time with their pets. Fifty-seven percent of dog owners, compared to 51 percent of cat owners, report spending more than one hour a day playing with their pets. Other findings, reported in the *Boston Globe,* include:

- More than two out of three dog owners — 69 percent — give their pets as much attention as their children.
- More than half of the cat owners — 57 percent — sleep with their pets, while one in three dog owners share the comfort of their beds.
- Dogs with behavioral problems are usually sent to obedience school, while cat owners simply learn to put up with their pets' idiosyncrasies.

WSPA UNCOVERS SLAUGHTER OF AFRICAN CHIMPS AND GORILLAS

The World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) has recently completed an extensive investigation into the trade and slaughter of chimpanzees and gorillas in the rain forests of central and eastern Africa. The animals are being killed to provide "bush meat" to feed foreign logging work forces, according to Garry Richardson, WSPA's African regional director.

"Smoked monkeys and apes can be seen on display in many central and west African countries, a grizzly and disturbing sight," Richardson said. "It's hard to believe such a grim fate has fallen upon man's closest cousins in the animal world."



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WSPA reports a growing alliance forming between hunters and loggers, with hunters traveling on the roads cut into the forests by logging companies, often hitching rides on logging lorries, and returning at the end of the day with their animal kill to be sold as bush meat to the logging camps, or transported to major cities and towns to be sold at "bush meat" markets.

Though many African countries have hunting, firearms and wildlife laws to protect gorillas and chimps, understaffed government officials often allow the trade to continue. WSPA has announced the launching of a campaign called "EscAPE," the goal of which is to reform the treatment of the endangered great apes through local education efforts, rescue and sanctuary programs, and working with local governments to enforce existing hunting laws.

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PETS IN THE PICTURE

1 "We don't know how we could have lived without 'Rosie,'" writes Robin Zuckerman of Chatham who adopted her pet from the Brewster shelter last June. "She's perfect for our family, devoted and gentle. She has slept on my son's bed since day #1, and loves to swim and play with him. She's wonderful . . . it's as though she's grateful to us for our adoption."

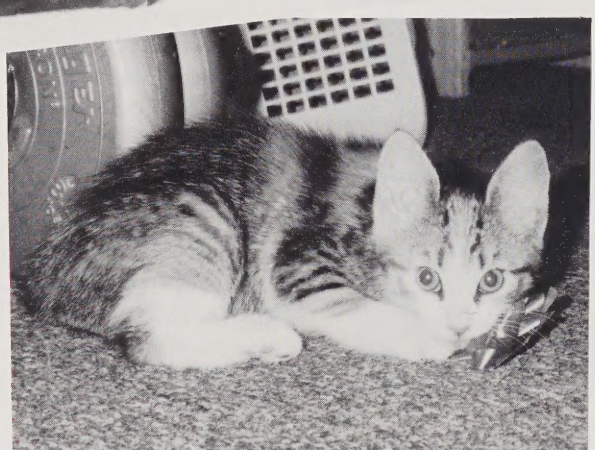
2 "'Brasil' is adjusting just fine, and he really likes his new home," reports Ann Foster of East Boston who shares this photo of Brasil (right) with his five-month-old playmate, "Jake." "They play almost 24 hours a day," she writes.

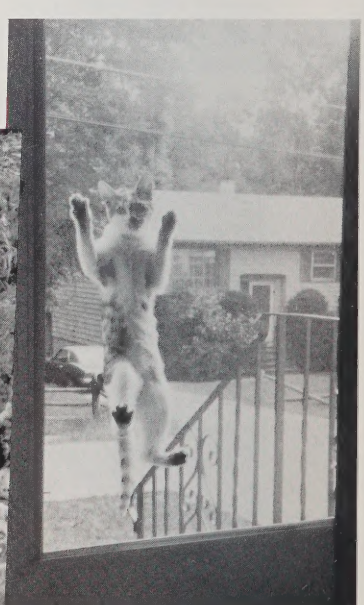
3 "'Saks' has added a special kind of entertaining charm to our home," according to Michele Westnedge of Boston, who adopted her pet last summer from the Boston shelter. "It's always a pleasure watching her try to catch her tail, and running up and down the halls with her. We all just love her!"

4 "Sasha" stakes out her favorite spot in the Somerville home of Tamara Rinder who reports: "She is my pride and joy — I love her, and she loves her new home!"

5 "Casey" is doing very well, and after three months "she knows where she belongs," according to her new family, Jane and Roland Graupner of East Harwich. "We have a daily routine for her, and she seems happy with it. We love her a lot! Keep up the good work," they write.

6 'Can I come in for dinner?" At mealtime, there's nothing finicky about "Whiskers," the pet and best buddy of six-year-old Katelyn Crowley of Burlington. This photo of Whiskers, an ARL alumnus, was sent in by Katelyn's grandfather, Bill Preskins.





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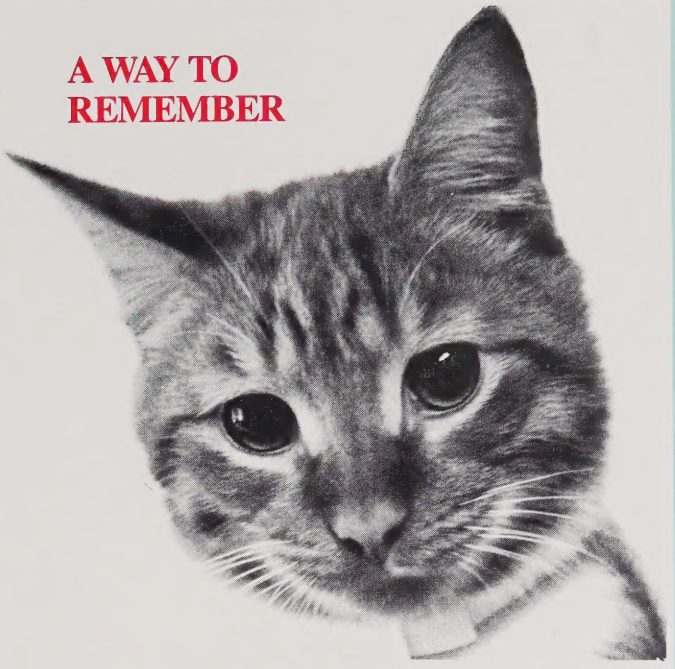

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